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- 1. LANGUAGE AND LINE IN PASTUSIAK ARTICLE ON AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL (REFTELA) IS REMINISCENT OF THAT FOLLOWED IN GDR POLICY PAPER ON US BICENTENNIAL GIVEN TO EMBASSY OFFICER BY MEMBER OF DRAFTING COMMISSION LAST FALL AND TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON UNDER COVER OF OUR A-80, NOVEMBER 12, 1975 (NOTAL).
- 2. MOREOVER, SOURCE OF GDR POLICY PAPER WAS SOURCE OF REPORT CIRCULATED TO ADDRESSEES IN REFTEL (B) THAT "RECENT MEETING OF SOCIALIST IDEOLOGICAL LEADERS" ATTENDED BY SED POLITBURO IDEOLOGIST, KURT HAGER (POSSIBLY WARSAW MEETING OF CONFIDENTIAL

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IDEOLOGICAL SECRETARIES IN JANUARY OF 1976) HAD TAKEN COORDINATED

DECISION TO DOWNPLAY, IF NOT ELIMINATE OBSERVATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL. SOURCE MAY HAVE OVERSTATED INTENT OF DECISION TO ELIMINATE OBSERVATION OF BICENTENNIAL IN VIEW OF FACT THAT, ACCORDING TO HIM, BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS PLANNED BY HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY HISTORY FACULTY HAD BEEN ELIMINATED.

3. FROM RETEL (A) IT APPEARS THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOMETHING TO SOURCES ALLEGATION AND THAT GDR POLICY PAPER MAY HAVE BEEN DICUSSED AND AT LEAST PARTIALLY ACCEPTED BY WARSAW PACT IDEOLOGICAL SECRETARIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, LONG-TIME EMBASSY PROPOSALS OF AMERICAN FILM RETROSPECTIVE AND COOPERATIVE HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT ON JEFFERSON-VON HUMBOLDT CORRESPONDENCE HAVE MET WITH NO RESPONSE FROM GDR MFA.COOPER

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